

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A sheet feeder comprising:

a sheet tray body disposed in such a way as to rotate around a shaft, which is provided in such a manner as to be nearly perpendicular to a sheet mounting surface, and enabled to be accommodated in a sheet feeder body;

a step-like part provided in said sheet tray body in such a fashion as to be placed in a connection portion, in which said sheet tray body and an upper edge part of a sheet mounting portion of said sheet feeder body are connected to each other, when said sheet tray body is used; and

a thrusting member for frontwardly pushing said sheet tray body when said sheet tray is used.

2. The sheet feeder according to claim 1, wherein said thrusting member includes an abutting rib, provided on a rear surface of said sheet tray body in such a manner as to be integral with said sheet tray body, for frontwardly pushing said sheet tray body by abutting against said sheet feeder body as said sheet tray body turns.

3. The sheet feeder according to claim 1, wherein said upper edge part of said sheet feeder body has a tapered shape.

4. A sheet tray comprising:

a sheet tray body disposed in such a way as to be able to rotate around a shaft, which is provided in such a manner as to be nearly perpendicular to a sheet mounting surface,

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and enabled to be accommodated in a sheet feeder body;

a step-like part provided in said sheet tray body in such a fashion as to be placed in a connection portion, in which said sheet tray body and an upper edge part of a sheet mounting portion of said sheet feeder body are connected to each other, when said sheet tray body is used; and

a thrusting member for frontwardly pushing said sheet tray body when said sheet tray body is used.

5. A sheet feeder comprising:

a sheet tray body rotatably provide and enabled to be accommodated in a sheet feeder body;

a step-like part provided in said sheet tray body in such a fashion as to be placed in a connection portion, in which said sheet tray body and an upper edge part of a sheet mounting portion of said sheet feeder body are connected to each other, when said sheet tray body is used; and

a thrusting member for frontwardly pushing said sheet tray body when said sheet tray body is used.

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